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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Juvenile Services – Definitions of “Group Home” and**
3 **“Institution”**4 FOR the purpose of clarifying that a “group home” in the Department of Juvenile
5 Services means a community based residential program that serves a certain
6 number of youths and includes group homes that offer different levels of
7 services; clarifying that an “institution” in the Department includes congregate
8 care youth centers that provide a high level of care for moderate to high risk
9 youth in campus style settings and which serve a certain number of youths; and
10 generally relating to group homes and institutions in the Department of
11 Juvenile Services.12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Human Services
14 Section 9–231
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2007 Volume)17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:19 **Article – Human Services**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



20 9-231.

21 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
22 MEANINGS INDICATED.

23 (2) "GROUP HOME" MEANS A COMMUNITY-BASED RESIDENTIAL
24 PROGRAM THAT SERVES EIGHT OR FEWER YOUTHS, INCLUDING:

25 (I) LEVEL ONE GROUP HOMES THAT PROVIDE ALL
26 SERVICES TO RESIDENTS WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE GROUP HOME,
27 INCLUDING EDUCATIONAL AND CLINICAL SERVICES;

28 (II) LEVEL TWO GROUP HOMES IN WHICH SERVICES TO
29 RESIDENTS ARE PROVIDED IN THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING EDUCATIONAL AND
30 CLINICAL SERVICES, COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, AND EMPLOYMENT
31 OPPORTUNITIES; AND

32 (III) LEVEL THREE GROUP HOMES IN WHICH SERVICES TO
33 RESIDENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE PREMISES BUT MAY BE RECEIVED IN THE
34 COMMUNITY BY THE RESIDENTS.

35 (3) "INSTITUTION" INCLUDES A CONGREGATE CARE YOUTH
36 CENTER THAT PROVIDES A HIGH LEVEL OF CARE FOR MODERATE TO HIGH RISK
37 YOUTH IN CAMPUS STYLE SETTINGS AND THAT SERVES EIGHT OR MORE
38 YOUTHS.

39 [(a)] (B) The Department may place children in group homes and
40 institutions operated by nonprofit or for-profit entities to provide for their care,
41 diagnosis, training, education, and rehabilitation.

42 [(b)] (C) (1) The Department shall reimburse the entities described in
43 subsection (a) of this section for the cost of the services at appropriate monthly rates
44 that the Department determines, as provided in the State budget.

45 (2) The Department may establish different reimbursement rates for
46 GROUP homes and institutions that provide intermediate services and GROUP homes
47 and institutions that provide full services.

48 [(c)] (D) The Department may not place a child in a group home or other
49 residential facility that is not operating in compliance with applicable State licensing
50 laws.

51 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
52 October 1, 2008.